COUNTY PROFILE

Benton Co.

Benton Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 7W, which is located in the Central Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

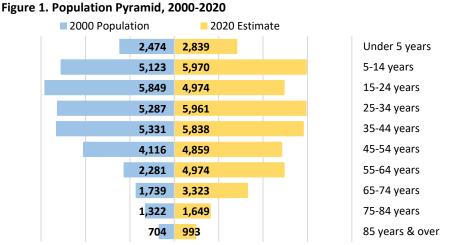
Benton Co.'s population increased this decade, ranking as the 17th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 24th largest in the state. Benton Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a smaller percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	41,379 people
Population change,	
2010-2020	7.6% increase

Median Age: **36.5** years state: 38.3 years

Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2020 Number **Percent** Under 5 years 2,839 6.9% 5-14 years 5,970 14.4% 4,974 12.0% 15-24 years 25-34 years 5.961 14.4% 35-44 years 5,838 14.1% 45-54 years 4,859 11.7% 12.0% 55-64 years 4,974 65-74 years 3,323 8.0% 75-84 years 1,649 4.0% 85 years & over 993 2.4% **Total Population** 41,379 100.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates



Benton Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Benton Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019								
	Total		April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
	Population	Natural	Vital Events Net Migration			Vital Events		on
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Benton Co.	2,438	2,099	5,242	3,143	353	368	-15	
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

■ Northern America

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population,

Compared to the state, Benton Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Benton Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Benton Co.		Change 2	010-2019	Minnesota		
Population, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	1,580	3.9%	984	165.1%	8.5%	28.9%	
Europe	122	7.7%	<i>78</i>	177.3%	9.9%	4.5%	
Asia	379	24.0%	33	9.5%	37.5%	30.3%	
Africa	715	45.3%	653	1053.2%	25.5%	72.0%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.5%	37.2%	
Americas:	364	23.0%	220	152.8%	26.6%	10.0%	
Latin America	324	20.5%	193	147.3%	24.1%	12.2%	
Northern America	40	2.5%	27	207.7%	2.5%	-7.7%	

2019

0%

Europe

Asia

Africa

Oceania

Latin America

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Benton Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

		Benton Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
Total	40,129	100.0%	17.2%	100.0%	13.1%
White	36,637	91.3%	11.2%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	1,601	4.0%	501.9%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	78	0.2%	-55.9%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	408	1.0%	0.0%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	326	0.8%	169.4%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	1,079	2.7%	236.1%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	981	2.4%	219.5%	5.4%	108.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Benton Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

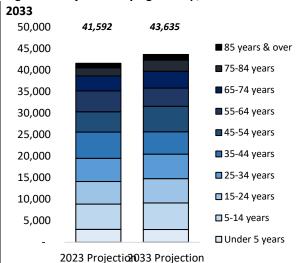
Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033

91.3%

2033 Numeric 2023 Percent **Benton Co. Projection Projection** Change Change **Under 5 years** 2,994 2,957 -37 -1.2% 292 5-14 years 5,886 6,178 5.0% 15-24 years 5,222 5,658 436 8.3% 272 25-34 years 5,401 5,673 5.0% 35-44 years 5,210 -900 -14.7% 6.110 4,706 5,936 1,230 45-54 years 26.1% 55-64 years 4.855 4.219 -636 -13.1% 65-74 years 3,495 3,915 420 12.0% 75-84 years 1,887 2,615 728 38.6% 85 years & over 1,036 1,274 238 23.0% **Total Population** 41,592 2,043 4.9% 43,635

43,033 Z,043 4.570

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Benton Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Benton Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.2%

17%

25%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019

9%

 $\hfill\square$ Less than high school

☐ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

■ Associate's degree

■ Bachelor's degree

■ Advanced degree

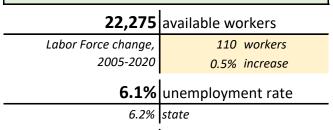
College-educated: 61.2%state: 67.1%

Associate's Degree: 14.1%
Bachelor's Degree: 16.8%
Advanced Degree: 5.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 6.1%, Benton Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Benton Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 3.9% in 2019, but was lower than the 8.7% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Benton Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.



1,359 unemployed workers

Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates Minnesota Benton Co. 23,500 3,150,000 3,100,000 23,000 ocal Labor Force **5** 3,050,000 22,500 22.165 3,000,000 22,000 2,950,000 21,500 2,900,000 21,000 2,879,759 2,850,000 20,500 2,800,000 2,750,000 20,000

Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

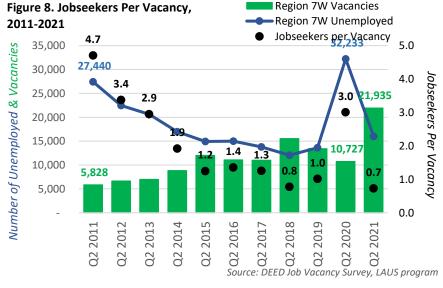
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 368.1 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Benton Co. averaged an annual gain of 49.3 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of 117.5 new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Benton Co. is expected to add workers from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2020 1,500 Average of 368 Average of 49 Average of 118 new workers per year new workers per year new workers per year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 1,000 500 Λ -500 -1,000 -1,500 -2,000 -2,500 2011-2014 2011-2010 A 2010-2010 D LO CO 2009-2010 D LO CO 2008-200 Surce 2018-201*S*S) 2000-2001 2013-201 2005-2006 2014-201 1990-1991 1991-1992 1992-1993 1993-199 1994-1995 1995-1996 1998-1999 1999-2000 2001-2002 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 2006-2007 2007-2008 2015-201 2016-201 2019-2020 1996-1997 1997-1998

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2023-2033	2023	2033		
16 to 24 years	3,614	3,929		
25 to 54 years	14,590	15,139		
55 to 64 years	3,321	2,886		
65 years & over	1,004	1,161		
Total Labor Force	22,528	23,116		

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Central reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).



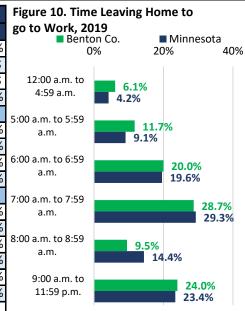
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Benton Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Benton Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

	В	enton Co.		Minnesota		Benton Co.		
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female	
Total Labor Force	22,189	71.8%	3.8%	69.7%	3.6%	11,754	10,421	
16 to 19 years	1,025	61.2%	11.4%	53.2%	11.0%	444	581	
20 to 24 years	2,225	90.1%	1.9%	84.6%	6.0%	1,094	1,131	
25 to 44 years	10,380	89.7%	3.0%	88.8%	3.2%	5,489	4,891	
45 to 54 years	4,408	90.5%	4.2%	87.6%	2.7%	2,355	2,053	
55 to 64 years	3,280	68.4%	3.8%	73.0%	2.8%	1,877	1,402	
65 to 74 years	706	23.7%	6.2%	27.9%	2.2%	372	334	
75 years & over	153	6.0%	2.0%	6.6%	2.4%	123	29	
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by	v
White alone	20,383	71.2%	3.8%	69.3%	3.0%	Race, 2019	-	•
Black or African American	959	86.0%	2.8%	71.3%	8.8%			
American Indian & Alaska Native	42	79.2%	2.4%	58.9%	12.6%			
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	273	75.6%	0.0%	71.2%	4.3%			
Some Other Race	189	69.2%	6.3%	77.7%	6.1%			
Two or More Races	343	72.4%	5.2%	73.6%	7.4%		V	
Hispanic or Latino	391	65.4%	7.4%	76.5%	6.1%			
Employment Characteristics by Disabilit	y							
With Any Disability	1,166	50.0%	9.0%	53.0%	8.6%		91.9	%
Employment Characteristics by Education	onal Attainment							
Population, 25 to 64 years	18,068	85.1%	3.5%	84.5%	3.0%	White al		
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,102	75.1%	3.5%	66.3%	4.2%		African America	
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	4,291	78.3%	2.6%	78.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alask	
Some College or Assoc. Degree	7,595	86.4%	4.0%	85.3%	3.0%	Asian or	Other Pac. Islan	nders
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	5,081	92.5%	1.5%	90.0%	1.7%	Some Of	ther Race	

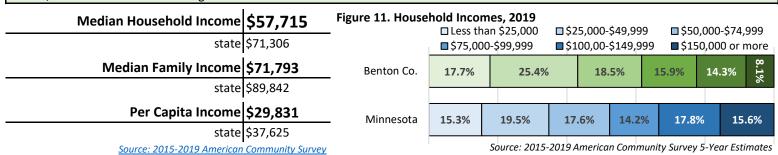
A smaller percentage of workers in Benton Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Benton Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Benton	Co.	Minnesota	
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	20,812	99.6%	2,837,697	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	6,791	32.5%	1,846,247	63.5%
Worked out of county of residence	14,042	67.2%	991,449	34.1%
Worked outside state of residence	84	0.4%	69,779	2.4%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	19,329	92.5%	2,506,244	86.2%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	251	1.2%	101,762	3.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	522	2.5%	125,021	4.3%
Worked at home	794	3.8%	171,541	5.9%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	3,448	16.5%	456,474	15.7%
10 to 19 minutes	7,857	37.6%	872,243	30.0%
20 to 29 minutes	4,367	20.9%	645,460	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	2,842	13.6%	575,680	19.8%
45 to 59 minutes	836	4.0%	194,801	6.7%
60 or more minutes	1,525	7.3%	162,819	5.6%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.9	minutes	23.7	minutes



INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Benton Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Benton Co. had the 47th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Benton Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.5 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.81 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs						
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Benton Co.	\$30,167	\$14.50	\$0	\$342	\$163	\$659	\$735	\$274	\$341
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	onthly Co	sts		
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Cilia Care	Food	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Benton Co.	\$49,314	\$15.81	\$312	\$780	\$519	\$815	\$857	\$436	\$391
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

Benton Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 30th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Benton Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Benton	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2019	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	11,085	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	625	5.6%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	878	7.9%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,327	21.0%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,938	26.5%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,816	25.4%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,187	10.7%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	314	2.8%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$174,9	000	\$223,900

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% Benton Co. Minnesota 2010 or later 17.1% 2000 to 2009 33.5% 1980 to 1999 26.3% 25.5% 1960 to 1979 24.4% 1940 to 1959 14.3% 10.8% 1939 or earlier

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2019

mortgage

16.6%

rent

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage state \$1,580

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

Median monthly rent costs \$760

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state | 45.1%

Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9%

11.49

20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

45.7%

■ 35% or more

7.3%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

OCCUPATIONS

At \$20.83 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 7W than the state. Overall, Region 7W had the 5th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$46.36) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$13.12) (see Table 11).

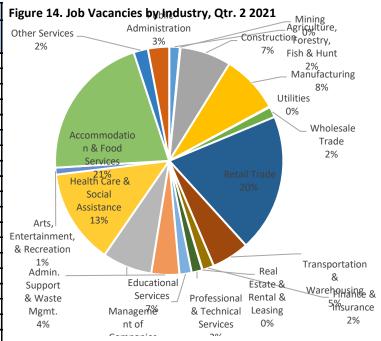
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2021							
		Region	7W		Stat	te of Minnes	sota
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$20.83	185,220	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%
Management	\$46.36	9,100	4.9%	0.8	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.26	7,710	4.2%	0.6	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%
Computer & Mathematical	\$34.01	3,160	1.7%	0.5	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%
Architecture & Engineering	\$35.16	2,710	1.5%	0.7	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$32.98	1,040	0.6%	0.6	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$26.75	2,900	1.6%	0.8	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%
Legal	\$30.48	520	0.3%	0.4	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$24.36	16,090	8.7%	1.5	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$20.62	1,720	0.9%	0.7	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$36.76	12,100	6.5%	0.9	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%
Healthcare Support	\$15.18	9,020	4.9%	0.8	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%
Protective Service	\$26.75	2,890	1.6%	1.0	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$13.12	10,230	5.5%	0.8	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$16.45	5,200	2.8%	1.0	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$14.31	3,170	1.7%	0.9	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%
Sales & Related	\$16.25	18,580	10.0%	1.1	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.02	22,330	12.1%	1.0	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$15.76	220	0.1%	0.8	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	\$28.57	9,880	5.3%	1.4	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.99	8,060	4.4%	1.2	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%
Production	\$19.55	18,560	10.0%	1.3	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$18.59	20,020	10.8%	1.4	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Benton Co. is a part of the Central planning region. There were 21935 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Central Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021						
	Number of					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer				
Total, All Occupations	21,935	\$15.28				
Management	615	\$31.84				
Business & Financial Operations	405	\$28.56				
Computer & Mathematical	224	\$30.23				
Architecture & Engineering	181	,				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	88	\$23.76				
Community & Social Service	447	\$23.09				
Education, Training & Library	1,099	\$24.26				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,262	\$24.50				
Healthcare Support	1,383	\$14.12				
Protective Service	376	\$12.45				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	4,052	\$12.85				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	987	\$13.96				
Personal Care & Service	580	\$13.11				
Sales & Related	2,604	\$13.57				
Office & Administrative Support	985	\$14.65				
Construction & Extraction	1,254	\$19.56				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	490	\$17.00				
Production	1,781					
Transportation & Material Moving	2,573	\$15.16				



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Central Occupatio	Table 13. Central Occupations in Demand, 2020						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher				
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Special Education Teachers, Secondary School				
\$25,980	\$36,175	\$78,415	\$62,221				
Stockers and Order Fillers	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term				
\$27,733	\$47,350	\$65,809	\$39,233				
Home Health and Personal	Heating, Air Conditioning, and	Computer Network Support	Secondary School Teachers, Except				
Care Aides \$28,221	Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$51,474	Specialists \$54,280	Special and Career/Technical \$63,343				
First-Line Supervisors of	Automotive Service Technicians and	Veterinary Technologists and	Elementary School Teachers,				
Retail Sales Workers \$43,970	Mechanics \$42,011	Technicians \$36,467	Except Special Education \$57,151				
Landscaping and	Emergency Medical Technicians and	Electrical and Electronic	Physicians, All Other; and				
Groundskeeping Workers \$31,096	Paramedics \$39,680	Engineering Technologists and \$56,225	Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric NA				
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and	Wind Turbine Service Technicians	Calibration Technologists and Technicians and Engineering	Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School				
\$31,496	\$56,100	\$53,005	\$59,497				
Customer Service	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics,	Web Developers and Digital	Market Research Analysts and				
Representatives \$34,939	Except Engines \$55,980	Interface Designers \$59,812	Marketing Specialists \$57,529				
Teaching Assistants, Except	Health Information Technologists, Medical	Agricultural and Food Science	Clinical, Counseling, and School				
Postsecondary \$30,837	Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and \$81,041	Technicians \$40,599	Psychologists \$68,696				
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Electricians	Surgical Technologists	Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary				
\$49,049	\$73,929	\$60,373	\$105,721				
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	Computer User Support Specialists	Medical Equipment Repairers	Psychiatrists				
\$34,736	\$52,188	\$60,561	NA				

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Benton Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 8.6% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028				
Central Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employ- ment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028	
Total, All Industries	314,696	336,813	7.0%	
Natural Resources & Mining	4,869	4,980	2.3%	
Utilities	2,106	1,945	-7.6%	
Construction	17,781	20,888	17.5%	
Manufacturing	42,475	43,364	2.1%	
Wholesale Trade	10,432	10,166	-2.5%	
Retail Trade	36,792	36,879	0.2%	
Transportation & Warehousing	10,426	10,989	5.4%	
Information	2,725	2,780	2.0%	
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	9,418	10,010	6.3%	
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	8,528	9,861	15.6%	
Administrative & Waste Services	10,078	11,151	10.6%	
Educational Services	25,782	27,179	5.4%	
Health Care & Social Assistance	48,428	58,891	21.6%	
Leisure & Hospitality	27,067	28,521	5.4%	
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	11,392	11,429	0.3%	
Public Administration	19,239	19,961	3.8%	
Source: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook				

Figure 15. Regional Occupational **Employment Projections, 2018-2028**



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Benton Co. had the 24th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Benton Co. was the 10th fastest growing in the past year and the 20th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Benton Co. added jobs, outpacing the state.

1,019 business establishments \$47,324 annual average wage

16,869 jobs \$798,300,210 total industry payroll

Job change, 8 jobs 0.0% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020



2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Benton Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2020	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	16,869	100.0%	\$47,324
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	277	1.6%	\$43,655
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	2,347	13.9%	\$72,266
Manufacturing	3,382	20.0%	\$53,185
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	1,182	7.0%	\$57,680
Retail Trade	1,979	11.7%	\$32,740
Transportation & Warehousing	632	3.7%	\$49,161
Information	117	0.7%	\$58,683
Finance & Insurance	400	2.4%	\$49,251
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	107	0.6%	\$33,568
Professional & Technical Services	233	1.4%	\$51,834
Management of Companies	297	1.8%	\$98,158
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	714	4.2%	\$36,236
Educational Services	1,136	6.7%	\$47,507
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,256	13.4%	\$31,154
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	138	0.8%	\$21,433
Accommodation & Food Services	836	5.0%	\$16,847
Other Services	376	2.2%	\$25,984
Public Administration	456	2.7%	\$53,431

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



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